

GOVERNMENT OF ANDHRA PRADESH
ABSTRACT

Public Services — Forest Department – Disciplinary action against Sri V.P. Jayaram, Forest Range Officer (Retd) - Inquiry finalized and findings received – Imposition of penalty of 2% cut on pension for three (3) years against Sri V.P. Jaya Ram I/c FRO(Retd) besides recovery of Rs.71,062/- i.e (50% of excess expenditure of Rs.1,43,125/-) apportioned equally between Sri S.Jabbar Saheb, FSO(expired) and Sri V.P.Jaya Ram I/c FRO(Retd) - Show-Cause-Notice issued – Explanation received – Final orders - Issued.

ENVIRONMENT, FORESTS, SCIENCE & TECHNOLOGY (SEC.IV) DEPARTMENT

G.O.MS.No. 100

Dated:06-11-2015.
Read the following:

1. From the PCCF Ir. Ref.No.23015/2009/K5, Dt.03.10.2011.
2. Govt. Memo. No. 7440/For.IV/A2/2011-1, dt. 25.10.2011.
3. From the PCCF, Ref.No.6263/2011/K1/3(K5), Dt.12.11.2012.
4. Govt. Memo. No. 7440/For.IV/A2/2011, dt. 12.11.2014.
5. From the PCCF, Ref.No.6263/2011/Vig-2, Dt.28.11.2014.
6. Govt. Memo. No. 7440/For.IV/A2/2011, dt. 20.02.2015.
7. From the PCCF, Ref.No.6263/2011/Vig-3, Dt.18.05.2015.
8. Govt. Memo. No. 7440/For.IV/A2/2011, dt. 21.05.2015.
9. From the PCCF, Ref.No.6263/2011/Vig-3, Dt.24.06.2015.
10. Govt. Letter No. 7440/For.IV/A2/2011, dt. 05.08.2015.
11. From Prl. Secy. APPSC, Lr.No.734/DC&C/3/2015, dt.18.09.2015

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ORDER:

In the reference 1st read above, the Principal Chief Conservator of Forests, A.P., Hyderabad has informed that an Articles of Charge were issued to Sri V.P. Jayaram, Forest Range Officer, Nagaluty Range of Atmakur Wildlife Management Division, Field Director, Project Tiger Circle, Srisailam by the PCCF in Rc.No.23381/2005/PXR-3, dt:29.12.2006 on the following counts:-

Charge 1:- That Sri V.P. Jayaram, FRO has grossly neglected his legitimate duties during his tenure as I/c FRO, Nagaluty Range resulting in non check measurement works of SMC executed under RIDF-X Bio-diesel in 50 ha. Plantation raised in Indirewaram section and failed to follow specification while executing the works, but incurred entire expenditure as if the specifications are followed and booked excess expenditure of Rs. 1,43,125/-

Charge II:- That the FRO has grossly neglected his legitimate duties resulting in improper survey and compilation of area of Bio-diesel plantation raised in Sripathi Rao Peta EDC resulting in raising of plantation over 49.04 ha. Instead 50 ha. Thus, charging clearance of jungle growth, uprootal of stumps, pitting and planting etc., 0.96 ha. More than what he has been textually executed thus caused Rs.13,960/- loss to Government and failed to maintain plantation journal and non-submission of work completion report etc.

2. The Charged Officer submitted his explanation on 08.10.2007. Not satisfied with the explanation, the Prl.Chief Conservator of Forests, appointed the Conservator of Forests/Field Director, Project Tiger Circle, Srisailam and the Divisional Forests Officer, Wildlife Management Division, Atmakur as Inquiry Officer and presenting officer respectively, vide Proc.No.23381/2006/PXA-2, dt:6.6.2008. The Inquiry Officer conducted enquiry and submitted findings vide the CCF & Field Director, Project Tiger Srisailam Rc.No.5071/2006-PT1, dt:10.2.2011. wherein he concluded that the charge 1 is held proved and thus charge-II held "Not Proved".

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3. The findings were communicated to the Charged Officer on 19.3.2011 for further defense, if any. The Charged Officer acknowledged the final notice on 1.7.2011 but did not submit further defense statement. As per the findings of Inquiry Officer, 1050 trenches (of 30 cms depth) with 3937.50 cmt of earth work@ Rs.30/cmt is only admissible and the excess booked amount for this work amounting to Rs. 1,42,125/- is liable for recovery. Hence, the excess expenditure may be apportioned equally between the Forest Section Officer and the Forest Range Officer. An amount of Rs.71,063/- is thus liable to be recovered from the Charged Officer.

4. The Charged Officer retired from service on attaining the age of superannuation on 30.6.2008 AN. Hence, the disciplinary proceedings are continued under Rule 9 of A.P. Revised Pension Rules, 1980.

5. After careful examination of the matter, with reference to the findings of the Inquiry Officer, the remarks of the Prl. Chief Conservator of Forests, and material made available, it is observed that the charge framed against the Charged Officer is held proved and it is provisionally decided to impose a penalty of 2% cut on pension for three (3) years against Sri V.P.Jaya Ram I/c Forest Range Officer (Retd) besides recovery of Rs.71,062/- i.e (50% of excess expenditure of Rs.1,43,125/-) apportioned equally between Sri S.Jabbar Saheb, Forest Section Officer(expired) and Sri V.P.Jayaram I/c Forest Range Officer (Retd), under rule 9 of A.P. Revised Pension Rules, 1980.

6. Accordingly, a Show Cause Notice was issued to Sri V.P.Jaya Ram I/c Forest Range Officer (Retd) vide reference 6th read above. The Charged Officer had submitted his further defense statement to the Show Cause Notice through the reference 9th read above, in which he has not put forth any new points.

7. Government after examination of the matter hereby order to impose the penalty of 2% cut on pension for three (3) years against Sri V.P.Jaya Ram I/c Forest Range Officer (Retd) besides recovery of Rs.71,062/- i.e (50% of excess expenditure of Rs.1,43,125/-) apportioned equally between Sri S.Jabbar Saheb, Forest Section Officer(expired) and Sri V.P.Jayaram I/c Forest Range Officer (Retd), under rule 9 of A.P. Revised Pension Rules, 1980.

8. The Principal Chief Conservator of Forests, A.P. Hyderabad is requested to take action accordingly.

(BY ORDER AND IN THE NAME OF THE GOVERNOR OF ANDHRA PRADESH)

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SPECIAL CHIEF SECRETARY TO GOVERNMENT

To
The Principal Chief Conservator of Forests, Andhra Pradesh, Hyderabad.
The Individual (through Principal Chief Conservator of Forests).

Copy to:
The Accountant General (A&E) A.P., Hyderabad.
The Director of Treasuries & Accounts, Hyderabad, A.P.
The Prl. Secretary, A.P. Public Service Commission, Hyderabad
(with ref. to Lr.No.734/DC&C/3/2015, dt.18.09.2015).
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SECTION OFFICER